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ABSTRACT

The mutagenic potential of BALLPOWDER® was assessed by using the Ames Salmonella/Mammalian Microsome Mutagenicity Test. Tester strains TA98, TA100, TA1535, TA1537, and TA1538 were exposed to doses ranging from 5 mg/plate to 0.0016 mg/plate in both the presence and absence of metabolic activation. The test compound was not mutagenic under conditions of this test.

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OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this study was to determine the mutagenic potential of BALLPOWDER® (50/50 blend of lots BAJ-47670 and BAJ-47671, LAIR Code TA045) by using the Ames Salmonella/Mammalian Microsome Mutagenicity Test.

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We, the undersigned, declare that GLP study number 84041 was performed under our supervision, according to the procedures described herein, and that this report is an accurate record of the results obtained.

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Mutagenic Potential of BALLPOWDER® in the Ames Salmonells/Mammalian Microsome Mutagenicity Test--Sano et al

INTRODUCTION

Nitroguanidine is a primary component of US Army triplebase propellants and is now being produced in a Governmentowned contractor-operated ammunition plant. The US Army Biomedical Research and Development Laboratory (USABRDL), as part of its mission to evaluate the environmental and health hazards of military-unique propellants generated by US Army munitions manufacturing facilities, reviewed the nitroquanidine data base and identified significant gaps in the toxicity data (1). The Division of Toxicology, LAIR, was tasked by USABRDL to develop a genetic and mammalian toxicity profile for nitroguanidine, related intermediates/by-products of its manufacture, and its environmental degradation products. A genetic and acute mammalian toxicity profile of BALLPOWDER®, a fielded nitrocellulose-based propellant (Cartridge 5.56 mm, Ball, M193), was also requested as a baseline against which future formulations will be compared.

The Ames Salmonella/Mammalian Microsome Mutagenicity Test is a short-term screening assay that utilizes histidine auxotrophic mutant strains of Salmonella typhimurium to detect those compounds which are potentially mutagenic in mammals. A mammalian microsomal enzyme system is incorporated in the assay to increase sensitivity by simulating in vivo metabolic activation of the test compound. The Ames Test is an inexpensive yet highly predictive and reliable assay for detecting mutagenic activity and thus carcinogenic potential (2).

Objective of the Study

The objective of this study was to determine the mutagenic potential of BALLPOWDER® (50/50 blend of lots BAJ-47670 and BAJ-47671, LAIR Code TA045) by using the Ames Salmonella/Mammalian Microsome Mutagenicity Test.

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

Test Compound

Product name: WC 844 Double-base Spheroidal Propellant

LAIR Code number: TA045

Physical state: Solid

Source: Badger Army Ammunition Plant

Baraboo, WI 53913

Storage: BALLPOWDER® (50/50 blend of lots BAJ-47670 and BAJ-47671) was received from Badger Army Ammunition Plant (AAP) on 6 September 1984 and assigned the LAIR Code number TA045. The test compound was stored at room temperature (21°C) until used.

Chemical Properties/Analysis: Data provided by Badger AAP characterizing the chemical composition and purity of the test material are presented in Appendix A.

Test Solvent

The test compound and the positive control chemicals were dissolved in grade I dimethyl sulfoxide (lot 113F-0450) obtained from Sigma Chemical Co. (St. Louis, MO).

Chemical Preparation

BALLPOWDER® was stored at room temperature (21°C) until used. On the day before dosing, 300 mg of the test compound was measured into a sterile vial and again stored at room temperature. On the day of dosing, the 300 mg of the test compound that had been measured into a sterile vial was dissolved in 6 ml grade I dimethyl sulfoxide to achieve a 5% (w/v) solution. Aliquots of this solution were used to dose the test plates.

Test Strains

Salmonella strains TA98, TA100, TA1535, TA1537, and TA1538, obtained directly from Dr. Bruce Ames, University of California, Berkeley, CA, were used. These strains were maintained in our laboratory at -80°C. Quality controls were run concurrently with the test substance to establish the validity of their special features and to determine the spontaneous reversion rate. Descriptions of the strains,

their geretic markers, and the methods for strain validation are given in the LAIR SOP, OP-STX-1 (3).

Test Format

BALLPOWDER® was evaluated for mutagenic potential according to the methods of Ames et al (4). A detailed description of the methodology is given in LAIR SOP, OP-STX-1 (3).

Toxicity Tests

Toxicity tests were conducted to determine a sublethal concentration of the test substance. This toxicity level was found by using minimal glucose agar (MGA) plates, concentrations of BALLPOWDER® ranging from 1.6 x 10⁻³ mg/plate to 5 mg/plate and approximately 10⁸ cells of TA100 per plate. Top agar containing trace amounts of histidine and biotin was placed on the plates. Strain verification was confirmed on the bacteria, along with a determination of the spontaneous reversion rate. After incubation, the growth on the plates was observed. Since none of the plates showed decreased macrocolony formation (below the level of the spontaneous reversion plates) or an observable reduction in the density of the background lawn, a maximum "limit" dose of 5 mg per plate was used in the mutagenicity assay.

Mutagenicity Tests

The test substance was evaluated over a 1000-fold range of concentrations, decreasing from the minimum toxic level (the maximum or limit dose) by a dilution factor of 5, both with and without 0.5 ml of the S-9 microsome fraction. The S-9 was purchased from Litton Bionetics (Kensington, MD). The optimal titer of this S-9, as determined by Litton Bionetics, was 0.75 mg protein/plate. After all the ingredients were added, the top agar was mixed, then overlaid on MGA plates. These plates contained 2% glucose and Vogel Bonner "E" Concentrate (5). The water used in this medium and in all reagents came from a Polymetric model 200-3 Water Purifier (Sunnyvale, CA). Plates were incubated upside down in the dark, at 37°C for 48 hours. Plates were prepared in triplicate and the average revertant counts were recorded. The average number of revertants at each dose level was compared to the average number of spontaneous revertants (negative control). The spontaneous reversion rate (with and without S-9) was monitored by averaging the counts from two determinations run simultaneously with the test compound assay. The spontaneous reversion rate was determined by inoculating one set of plates before and one set after the test compound assay plates so that any change in spontaneous

reversion rate during the dosing procedure would be detected. This spontaneous reversion rate was also compared with historical values for this laboratory and those cited in Ames et al (4). Concurrent sterility and strain verification controls were run. All reagents, test compounds, and media were checked for sterility by plating samples of each on MGA media and incubating them at 37°C with the test plates. The Salmonella strains were verified by a standard battery of tests. The following tests were run to determine if:

- Lipopolysaccharide layer (LP) alteration causes growth inhibition in the presence of crystal violet.
- An ampicillin-resistant R factor has allowed growth in strains TA98 and TA100 in the presence of ampicillin-impregnated disks.
- Absence of excision repair mechanism has inhibited growth in the presence of ultraviolet light.

Four known mutagens were tested as positive controls to confirm the responsiveness of the strains to the mutation process. These compounds (benzo[a]pyrene, 2-aminofluorene, 2-aminoanthracene, and N-methyl-N'-nitro-n-nitrosoguanidine) were obtained from Sigma Chemical Co. (St. Louis, MO). The test compound and mutagens were handled during this study in accordance with the standards published in NIH Guidelines for the Laboratory Use of Chemical Carcinogens (DHHS Publication No. (NIH) 81-2385, May 1981).

Data Interpretation

According to Brusick (6), a compound is considered mutagenic if the following criteria are met:

- 1. For strains TA98 and TA100, a positive dose response (correlated dose response) over three dose concentrations is achieved with at least the highest dose yielding a revertant colony count greater than or equal to twice the spontaneous colony count for the strain. A strong correlated dose response in strain TA100 without a doubling of the individual colony count may also be considered positive.
- 2. For strains TA1535, TA1537, and TA1538, a correlated dose response over three concentrations is achieved with at least one dose yielding a revertant colony count three times the spontaneous colony count for the strain.

Storage of the Raw Data and Final Report

A copy of the final report, study protocols, raw data, SOPs, and an aliquot of the test compound will be retained in the LAIR archives.

Deviations from the Protocol/SOP

None.

RESULTS

On 5 December 1984, the toxicity level determination was performed on BALLPOWDER® (Table 1). For this experiment all sterility, strain verification, and negative controls were normal (Table 2). No toxicity was observed after exposure of the tester strain (TA100) to the highest dose used (5 mg/plate).

Normal results were obtained for all sterility, strain verification, and negative controls during the Ames Test performed on 12-14 December 1984 (Table 3). BALLPOWDER® did not induce any appreciable increase in the revertant colony counts relative to those of the negative control cultures (Table 3).

Individual plate scores for the toxicity test, verification controls, and the mutagenicity test are presented in Appendix B.

TABLE	1:	TOXICITY	DETERMINATION	FOR	BALLPOWDER ®
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TA100 REVERTANT PLATE COUNT

TEST COMPOUND CONCENTRATION	MEAN ±1SD	BACKGROUND LAWN*
NEGATIVE CONTROL 5.0 mg/plate 1.0 mg/plate 0.2 mg/plate 0.04 mg/plate 0.008 mg/plate 0.0016 mg/plate	65 ± 9.0 79 ± 9.2 97 ±11.5 92 ± 6.0 88 ± 2.1 82 ± 8.1 85 ± 4.2	NL NL NL NL NL NL

STRAIN VERIFICATION FOR TOXICITY DETERMINATION

	<u> TA100</u> *
HISTIDINE REQUIREMENT	G
AMPICILLIN RESISTANCE	G
UV ·	NG
CRYSTAL VIOLET SENSITIVITY	NG (12mm)
STERILITY CONTROL	NG

STERILITY CONTROL FOR TOXICITY DETERMINATION

MATERIAL TESTED	OBSERVATION*
MINIMAL GLUCOSE AGAR PLATES	NG
TOP AGAR	NG
DILUENT WATER	NG
NUTRIENT BROTH	NG
TEST COMPOUND (HIGHEST DOSE)	NG

^{*} NL=Normal Lawn, G=Growth, NG=No Growth, ST=Slight Toxicity

TABLE 2: STRAIN VERIFICATION AND STERILITY TESTING FOR THE MUTAGENICITY DETERMINATION OF BALLPOWDER®

GLP STUDY: 84041 13 DEC 84 PERFORMED BY: SANO, MORGAN

STRAIN VERIFICATION

OBSERVATIONS*

STRAIN	HISTIDINE REQUIREMENT	AMPICILLIN RESISTANCE	UV REPAIR	CRYSTAL VIOLET	CONTROL
TA98	NG	G	NG	NG	NG
TA100	NG	G	NG	NG	NG
TA1535	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG
TA1537	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG
TA1538	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG

STERILITY CONTROL FOR MUTAGENICITY DETERMINATION

MATERIAL TESTED	OBSERVATION*
MINIMAL GLUCOSE AGAR PLATES TOP AGAR DILUENT WATER NUTRIENT BROTH TEST COMPOUND (HIGHEST DOSE)	NG NG NG NG NG
5-9	NG

^{*}G = Growth, NG = No Growth

TABLE 3: MUTAGENICITY ASSAY FOR BALLPOWDER®

REVERTANTS/PLATE (MEAN ± 1 SD)

COMPOUND	DOSE/PLATE	TA98	TA100
		WITHOUT S-9	
NEG CONTROL MNNG* TA045 TA045 TA045 TA045 TA045	0.0µg 2.0 µg 20.0 µg 5000 µg 1000 µg 200 µg 40.0 µg 8.0 µg 1.6 µg	16 ± 7.6 - 14 ± 2.3 15 ± 3.2 14 ± 0.6 24 ± 2.3 16 ± 0 14 ± 1.5	110 ± 9.1 2189 ± 210.1 74 ± 5 61 ± 4.2 66 ± 6.7 69 ± 4.2 75 ± 4 80 ± 3.6
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NEG CONTROL	_	8 ± 7.	+
2-AA*	_	49 ± 4	83 ± 208
2-AF*		81 ± 79	67 ± 31
BP*		8 ± 50.	± 104
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TA045	_	3+	H
TA045	200	# 8	+
TA045		9 ± 3.	+
TA045	8.0	0 # 0	+1
TA045	1.6 µg	1 ± 6 .	+1

^{* 2-}AA = 2-aminoanthracene, 2-AF = 2-aminofluorene, BP = benzo[a]pyrene, MNNG = N-methyl-N'-nitro-n-nitrosoguanidine

TABLE 3 (cont.): MUTAGENICITY ASSAY FOR BALLPOWDER®

REVERTANTS/PLATE (MEAN ± 1 SD)

COMPOUND	DOSE/PLATE	TA1535	TA1537	TA1538
		WITHOUT S-9		
NEG CONTROL MNNG* MNNG* TA045 TA045 TA045 TA045	0.0 µg 20.0 µg 20.0 µg 5000 µg 1000 µg 40.0 µg 8.0 µg 1.6 µg	21 ± 2.1 2070 ± 331.3 14 ± 4 17 ± 5.9 16 ± 3.6 19 ± 2.5 16 ± 1.2	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	21 ± 3 17 ± 2.9 16 ± 3.8 21 ± 7.5 20 ± 4.4 5 ± 4.5
		WITH S-9		
NEG CONTROL 2-AA* 2-AE* BP* TA045 TA045 TA045 TA045	0.0 µg 2.0 µg 2.0 µg 2.0 µg 1000 µg 40.0 µg 8.0 µg 1.6 µg	12 ± 3.6 ~ ~ 8 ± 2.5 12 ± 1.2 6 ± 2 10 ± 1.5 14 ± 2.1 9 ± 1.2	6 ± 3.9 210 ± 16.8 53 ± 13.5 2 ± 1 7 ± 1 7 ± 1 4 ± 1 4 ± 1	18 ± 7.1 1177 ± 85.9 562 ± 134.7 92 ± 10.1 15 ± 3.2 11 ± 5.5 12 ± 2 11 ± 8.4 20 ± 5.7 9 ± 2.1

* 2-AA = 2-aminoanthracene, 2-AF = 2-aminofluorene, BP = benzo[a]pyrene, MNNG = N-methyl-N'-nitro-n-nitrosoguanidine

DISCUSSION

Certain test criteria must be satisfied before an Ames Test can be considered a valid assessment of a compound's mutagenic potential. First, the special features of the Ames strains must be verified. These features include demonstration of ampicillin resistance, LP (lipopolysaccharide) layer alterations, and DNA excision repair deficiencies. Second, the Salmonella strains must be susceptible to mutation by known mutagens. Third, the optimal concentration of the test compound must be determined by treating TA100 with a broad range of doses and observing the potential toxic effects on macrocolonies and microcolonies. If these tests are performed and expected data are obtained, then the results of the Ames Test can be considered valid.

After validation of bacterial strains and selection of optimal sublethal doses, BALLPOWDER® was evaluated in the Ames Test. Criteria for a positive response include both a correlated dose-response relationship over three dose concentrations and a revertant colony count at least two times (TA98 or TA100) or three times (TA1535, TA1537, or TA1538) the spontaneous revertant colony count (6). BALLPOWDER® did not induce the requisite dose-response relationship or the increase in revertant colony counts necessary for a positive response. Thus, the results of this assay indicate that BALLPOWDER® is not mutagenic when evaluated in the Ames Test.

CONCLUSION

BALLPOWDER® was evaluated in the Ames Test, in both the presence and absence of metabolic activation, and did not produce a mutagenic response at the dose levels tested.

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Appendix B: INDIVIDUAL PLATE SCORES

BALLPOWDER® (TA045) TOXICITY TEST TA100

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0.2 mg 91 98 86 86 NL	NEG CONTROL 74 56 64
1.0 mg 84 106 101 NL	0.0016 mg 86 80 88 NL
5.0 mg 81 69 87 NL	0.008 mg 83 89 73 NL
DOSE/PLATE PLATE 1 PLATE 2 PLATE 3 BACKROUND LAWN	DOSE/PLATE PLATE 1 PLATE 2 PLATE 3 BACKROUND LAWN

Appendix B (cont.): INDIVIDUAL PLATE SCORES

NEGATIVE CONTROLS FOR MUTAGENICITY TESTS BALLPOWDER® (TA045)

COMPOUND	DOSE/PLATE	TA98	TA100	TA1535	TA1537	TA1538
		WITHOUT	8-8			
NEG CONTROL (START RUN)	0.0 mg	18 19 8	112 111 126	19 24 22	മവഴ	25 19 19
NEG CONTROL (END RUN)	0.0 mg	17 8 28	108 101 102	19 19 20	∞ 4. ≀≀	24 23 18
		WITH	88			
NEG CONTROL (START RUN)	0.0 тд	27 11 27	78 97 99	11 12 19	5 2 10	28 16 10
NEG CONTROL (END RUN)	0.0 mg	18 14 12	88 87 64	9 10 13	3 6 12	21 11 23

Appendix B (cont.): INDIVIDUAL PLATE SCORES

POSITIVE CONTROLS FOR MUTAGENICITY TESTS BALLPOWDER® (TA045)

COMPOUND*	DOSES/PLATE	TA98	TA100	TA1535	TA1537	TA1538
2-AA	2.0 µg	1239 1355 554	1605 2012 1731	1 1 1	229 199 201	1162 1099 1269
2-AF	2.0 µд	590 497 656	457 503 442	1 1 1	1 1 1	418 685 583
ВР	2.0 µg	486 396 403	303 167 372	1 1 1	98 93 39	98 97 80
MNNG	2.0 µg	1 1 1	2395 2197 1975	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1
MNNG	20.0 µg	1 1 1	1 1 1	2183 1697 2330	1 1 1	1 1 1

* 2-AA = 2-aminoanthrancene, 2-AF = 2-aminofluorene, BP = benzo[a]pyrene, MNNG = N-methyl-N'-nitro-n-nitrosoguanidine

Appendix B (cont.): INDIVIDUAL PLATE SCORES

MUTAGENICITY TESTS BALLPOWDER® (TA045)

MITHOUT S-9

COMPOUND	DOSE/PLATE	TA98	TA100	TA1535	TA1537	TA1538
TA045	5.0 mg	17 13 13	74 69 79	15 18 10	8 22 17	15 15 20
TA045	1.0 mg	11 16 17	62 56 64	10 21 19	4 2 4	14 20 13
TA045	0.2 mg	14 13 14	69 70 58	13 15 20	400	10 19 25
TA045	0.04 mg	23 23 23	66 74 68	19 11 12	4 4 የ	21 18 25
TA045	0.008 mg	16 16 16	75 79 71	19 21 16	4 O W	13 12 5
TA04 5	0.0016 mg	14 16 13	84 77 79	15 15 17	4 7 12	10 5 1

Appendix B (cont.): INDIVIDUAL PLATE SCORES

MUTAGENICITY TESTS BALLPOWDER® (TA045)

WITH S-9

COMPOUND	DOSE/PLATE	TA98	TA100	TA1535	TA1537	TA1538
TA045	5.0 mg	10 18 15	86 75 69	8 10 5	135	11 17 16
TA045	1.0 mg	13 12 14	74 76 78	11 13 13	1 6 4	16 11 5
TA045	0.2 mg	18 14 22	57 62 54	849	87.9	12 10 14
TA045	0.04 mg	23 17 17	71 75 83	10 11 8	8 8 0	15 16 1
TA045	0.008 mg	20 19 20	64 54 59	12 16 13	0 K 4	15 26 18
TA045	0.0016 mg	14 4 16	87 64 71	10 8 8	€ 7.0 A	10 11 7

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